Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* So far as the action of the officers who published it much earlier is concerned, I do not know why they did it or how it was possible for them to do it earlier. So far as our rules, existing rules, are concerned, I can say that we are able to know the names of candidates who are standing and the constituencies in which there is going to be contest, only when the final list of nominations, after the withdrawal, is known. That is ten days before the date fixed for the election. Here it was Friday. It was on that day at mind-night that we could know which were the candidates who were going to withdraw. Until that, we could not say where there was going to be a contest, where there was not going to be a contest. Appointment of polling officers as I read rule 27 just now is contemplated only in cases in which there is contest and not otherwise. Therefore the very next day, that is on Saturday, the final list of appointment was prepared and sent out to the Press here. That was on 6th Medam 1120. It was prepared on Saturday and sent by the very evening train. The number of appointments is 413. The list was prepared long long ago but from that list—it is here it covers over 53 pages—from that list the name of those polling stations where there was not to be an election, due to the withdrawal of the contesting candidate, had to be struck off, the list was fair-copied and sent to the Government Press for publication. It was got printed on Sunday, special workers were entertained in the Press, and it was printed on Sunday and Monday together and it reached my office by the night train on Monday. On Tuesday before 12 noon, by number of clerks sitting together, it was despatched to every office on that day. I was at Cranganur at 6 o'clock that day to see how election arrangements were made then. I saw bundles of these lists meant for Cranganur reaching Cranganur from Trichur on that day. Similarly it reached all the offices, even those in the moffussil. From another source also, that is the source showing that application were received for certificates under section 42 on the 11th this was seen—that means what promptness was shown in the publication. Nothing could be done before the names of those who contested were known.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: പോളിങ്ങ് ഓഫീസർമാരിൽ ചിലർ അങ്ങിനെ വ്യംവരാക്കുകയില്ലെന്ന തോന്നുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Human nature is so varied; I can't say.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether the Government do not expect their servants to be above.....?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes, there is no doubt expectations.

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member must allow the other Hon'ble Member to finish his question.

49. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when the list of polling officers and their assistants was published in the Gazette;

(*b*) whether the clerks, watchers and others to help these polling officers are not to be selected by them;

(*c*) whether there was not a correction to the list published first, dated 14th Edavam 1120?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) The notification dated, 19th May 1945 (6th Edavam 1120) was published in the Gazette, dated 26th May 1945 (13thEdavam 1120). Copies of the notification were however sent to the Heads of Departments on 9th Edavam 1120.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes. The correction under (c) was in respect of the personnel of the Presiding Officers who for one reason or other were unable to do the work.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know the reason for this correction?

Mr. President: The reason is given in the printed answer.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether they reported that they cannot come after the appointment was communicated to them.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Yes.

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